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WELCOME

“HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US”

[Verse 1]

How deep the Father’s love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

[Verse 2]

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

[Verse 3]

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: The Bible is God's Word, and as the very words of God, it is trustworthy. It is often divided into two parts: law and gospel. The gospel shows us our Savior, while the law shows us our sin (shows us our need for a savior), and acts as a guide for Godly living. Not only is God's Word trustworthy but it is also honest—sometimes brutally honest. Romans 3:20 says, "No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin." It is not possible for us to obey so perfectly that we gain heaven. So why even read the Bible if it will just leave our consciences burdened and hurting? Because if you stop after reading only the law you miss out on the other part—the gospel. The law shows us our sin and our need, but it doesn't show us Jesus.

Today, we will hear of Samuel being called, Jesus calling his disciples, and Jesus' call to us. Although this may seem like law—another thing to add to the to-do-list of being a Christian—his call to us is one of faith, one which strengthens and resolves us to live for him out of thanks. His call to us is fueled by his redeeming work on the cross. This is the gospel and it allows us to answer just as Samuel did, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Therefore, as servants, we humbly come before God confessing our sin and in response, we hear the gospel—we hear what Christ has done with honest and earnest love for us.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, you have given me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my mind and all my abilities. You have richly and daily provided all I need to support my body and life. Yet with all these blessings I have continued to sin—in thought, word, and deed. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me—not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin. Take away my guilt. Grant me strength to focus on you and your Word. Assure me of your love for me and renew me to answer your call.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. He sees you are blameless and holy because of the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every sin you have ever committed has been wiped away. He remembers your sins no more and has made you alive in Christ. Go in peace knowing that your sins are forgiven. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night, Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."

⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So, he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy.

⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,

¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

"YES I WILL"

[Verse 1]

I count on one thing:
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now;
You won't fail me now.
In the waiting,
the same God who's never late,
Is working all things out;
You're working all things out.

[Chorus 1]

Yes, I will—lift You high
in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will—bless Your name.
Yes, I will—sing for joy
when my heart is heavy.
All my days—yes, I will.

[Verse]

I count on one thing:
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now;
You won't fail me now.
In the waiting,
the same God who's never late,
Is working all things out;
You're working all things out.

[Chorus 2]

Yes, I will—lift You high
in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will—bless Your name.
Yes, I will—sing for joy
when my heart is heavy.
All my days—yes, I will.
For all my days—yes, I will.

[Bridge] x3

And I choose to praise
To glorify, glorify
The name of all names
That nothing can stand against

[Chorus 2]

Yes, I will—lift You high
in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will—bless Your name.
Yes, I will—sing for joy
when my heart is heavy.
All my days—yes, I will.
For all my days—yes, I will.
For all my days—yes, I will.

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MESSAGE:

EPIPHANY ENCOURAGEMENT: YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED BY JESUS

JOHN 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told You I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.”

⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

PRAYER

Vicar David will offer the Prayer. Following the prayer:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

"I WILL GO"

[Verse 1]

Standing in the place
Where doubt and faith collide
Staring in the face
Of fear that has to die
When You call my name
There's only one reply
No I won't wait
I'll give You my whole life.

[Chorus]

I will go where You send me
To the ends of the earth
Just say the word and I'll go
I will go where You lead me
I'll follow Your heart
Wherever You are I'll go

[Verse 2]

I've packed my bags
And now I'm heading out
No I won't look back
Until the lost are found
'Cause I've been losing sleep
Over the least of these
And I'll find Your riches
Among poverty.

[Chorus]

[Bridge]x2

In Your name the blind will see
The lame will walk the bound are free
In Your name the darkness hides
The mountains move the dead will rise
In Your name. In Your name.

[Chorus]x2

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WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. 😊*



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